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Examination of McKamy

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Examination of Samuel McKamy —— was sworn

I am employed in the Mint generally at Carpenter's work — has occasionally worked in the Coiner's Office — Worked at the Mint from 15th Nov.r 1837 to 15th July 1848 — As far as deponent has observed the Official conduct of the Coiner has always found him diligent in his duties — As regards the men in the Coiner's department, the men have always been kept at work when there was work for their particular branches. Believes the Machinery in the department of the Coiner is kept in as good order as possible. Believes Mr. Tyler to be a first rate mechanic. Deponent has been acquainted with the subject of machinery from the age of 18 to 53 years — has been a millwright has also been employed in repairs of machinery in the Mint at Philadelphia — Since 1st of January 1839 Deponent has been more or less in the habit of passing

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through the Coiners department
The men appeared to be kept at
work. Mr. Tyler has always trea=
=ted deponent well & Deponent
has not heard complaints from
~~any~~ the other workman except one
man who had a difficulty about
wages named Johnson & another
named Harmstead & with Mr. Brown
because he endeavoured to persuade
deponent & some other men to go
with him to the North promising
to pay their passages from Pits=
=burg to Philadelphia, he told
witness that Tyler wished to get
rid of the Philadelphia men,
but deponent, has never seen any
such disposition evinced on the
part of Mr. Tyler, Mr. Tyler hav=
=ing always treated deponent
well. Deponents engagement was
up to the 15th July. Brown wished
deponent to leave with him on the
1st of July - held out various induce=
=ments to deponent to go away
from the Mint - Brown made
various statements to Deponent

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about Mr. Tyler, which deponent did not know whether to believe or not, as Mr. Tyler denied them — Believes Mr. Tyler an industrious man. Has heard Brown say that Tyler was one of the best Mechanics he ever saw — And that he had learned a great deal from him, Tyler about drawing. He told deponent that if deponent did Tyler's work exactly as he wanted it, deponent would have no difficulty, but that Tyler was a very particular man about having work done according to his orders. Before Brown's dismissal, Brown told me that when the power presses were started in Philadelphia, they could not get them to operate well that Mr. Tyler was called upon who passed his opinion upon them of which opinion Mr. Peale did not seem to approve, & that finally the presses were altered somewhat in accordance with Mr. Tyler's opinion, after which Brown said to Deponent they answered very well — Brown

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told witness the New Orleans coin-
=ing presses would have to go through
the same changes before they would
work well. Hinks Brown said the
triangles would have to be stiffened
Has never heard Mr. Tyler speak
disrespectfully as to the Officers of
the Mint, as to their being Frenchmen
The whole of the machinery sent
from Philadelphia has been put in-
=to operation except the quarter dol-
-lar press, which is now in the ma-
=chine shop. Believes this last ma-
=chine wants a triangle, when
men in the Coining department
had not sufficient work in their par-
=ticular branch, they have been kept
busy in other branches about the
Coiners Department. Mr. Tyler had
a skeleton key - Has seen him use
it in his own department but it
was publickly and without concealment
has not seen him use it for the doors
of the other Officers believes Mr. Macfort
had a skeleton key, with which he could
open the coining room door, for

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Mr. McClary

compensation. Worked in the Carpen=
=ter's shop in the morning & worked
after 4 P. M. say till 6 P. M.
Is allowed $3.25/100 per day for his
regular allowance 26 working
days are counted to the Month. Has
in some preceding months received
more than in the last month for ex=
=tra work. Cannot specify the
months particularly - the most he has
received per month for extra work was
sometime in last year. Does not
consider himself sufficiently ac=
=quainted with the subject to form an
accurate opinion as to the coining
presses or things of the kind.

Being asked whether he thinks
Browns object in asking to go to
Philadelphia was to employ him.

Ans. He does not think it was
so, my opinion of this object was that
Brown thought Deponent a good workman
& wished to get deponent away from the
Mint. Brown also spoke of getting wit=
=ness to go to Red River, a gentleman

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from Philadelphia had talked to witness about establishing mills there; witness had spoken of this to Brown & Brown told witness they could go together & get work there. Deponent's work-shop is in the third story - Deponent's work confines him a good deal to his work-shop.

Examination on behalf of Mr. Tyler.

Says he he has never been paid for extra work without having done it.

Wm. McHamy

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the testimony given by Samuel McHamy before Thomas Slidell Esq, the Commissioner on the 4th of July 1839.

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whereof I have hereunto signed my name & affixed the impress of my seal of office on this 7th day of August 1839 at the City of New Orleans.

Horatio Davis
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